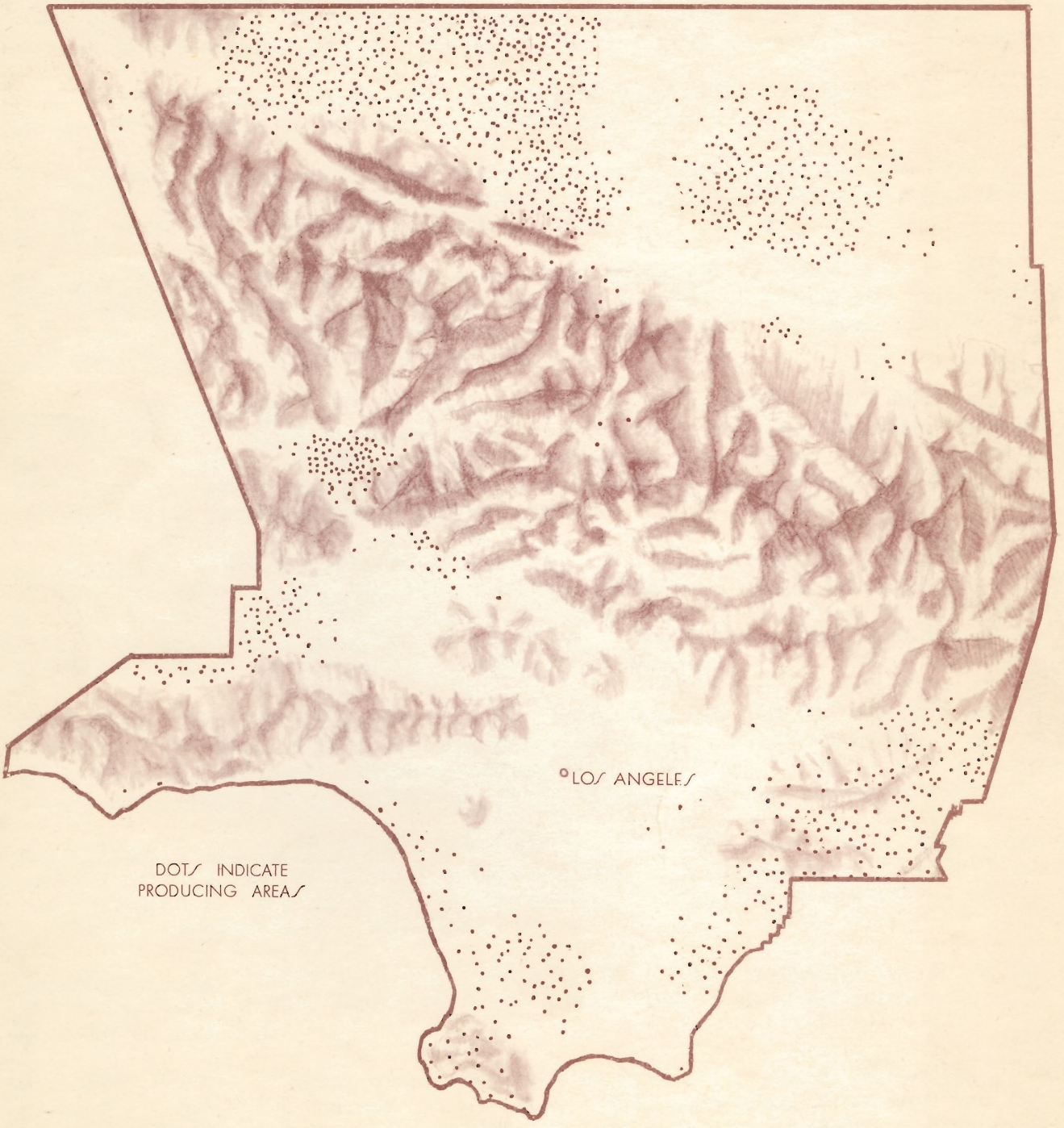
CROP REPORT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
1965



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CROP REPORT FOR 1965
(Exclusive of Livestock Production)

The 1965 harvest of plant crops from 108,012 acres in Los Angeles County was valued at $76,764,000, some $3,917,200 less than last year's gross valuation of $80,681,200 and 3% below the most recent 5-year average.

When plant crop valuation is combined with the 1965 livestock production of $99,342,885, the value of all farm products raised in the County totals $176,106,885. This should again rank Los Angeles County among the nation's ten leading agricultural counties.

The figures published in this report are gross valuations only and do not consider costs of production. While these figures reflect agriculture's contribution to the economy of Los Angeles County, they are in no way an indication of net farm income.

Growers of high labor demand crops experienced some difficulty during the season because of shortages of dependable, experienced harvest crews.

Eleven crops returned one million dollars or more. They were: alfalfa hay, nursery stock, cut flowers, navel oranges, lemons, strawberries, Valencia oranges, dry onions, sweet corn, green onions, and carrots.

Citrus: (1965 $7,280,000 - 7,489 acres; 1964 $9,700,000 - 8,628 acres) While better per unit returns were realized from the harvest of lemons and navel oranges this year, total returns for these and other citrus crops were down because of decreases in both acreage and production.

Other fruits and nuts: (1965 $4,910,000 - 6,550 acres; 1964 $5,949,000 - 6,790 acres) Antelope Valley deciduous fruit crop yields were generally lower because of unfavorable weather. Higher pear prices resulting from a short crop in other areas offset reduced production. Strawberry production was adversely affected by unseasonal rains during the peak harvest period.

Field crops: (1965 $11,566,600 - 79,103 acres; 1964 $11,639,500 - 88,450 acres) Alfalfa hay returns again exceeded 7 million dollars although late season cuttings produced lower yields. Record sugar beet production of 31.4 tons per acre more than offset the 1,190 acre reduction in plantings. Timely late rains resulted in an increased acreage and production of dry-farmed beans.

Vegetables: (1965 $15,924,800 - 12,380 acres; 1964 $16,115,700 - 12,470 acres) Production and returns for carrots, celery and several leafy vegetable crops were below that of last year. These decreases were offset for the most part by increased plantings of sweet corn, dry onions, green onions, radishes and mustard greens.

Nursery stock and cut flowers: (1965 $36,741,000; 1964 $36,971,000) The value of nursery crops increased slightly because of expanded plantings and better returns in some categories. The value of cut flowers was down 9% due to the effect of unfavorable weather upon production.

Apiary products: (1965 $341,600; 1964 $306,000) Honey valuation was up as favorable weather produced a long period of heavy nectar flow. Increased production offset a drop in honey prices.

Valuation figures of plant crops are based on delivery price at the market or on FOB price for commodities shipped out-of-state. U.S. Department of Agriculture payments amounting to $474,000 are not included. Prices have been compared with Federal-State Market News Quotations. Assistance received from the many persons and agencies consulted is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

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Agricultural Commissioner

March 31, 1966

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

FRUIT & NUT CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1965

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
CITRUS FRUITS							
Oranges	1965	1,613	5.9	9,500	Ton	$168.40	$1,600,000
Navel & Misc.	1964	1,785	7.3	13,100	"	160.30	2,100,000
Oranges	1965	2,956	5.6	16,600	"	138.50	2,300,000
Valencia	1964	3,319	6.6	21,900	"	159.80	3,500,000
Lemons	1965	2,760	8.9	24,600	"	130.00	3,200,000
	1964	3,339	10.7	35,800	"	108.90	3,900,000
Grapefruit	1965	160	8.3	1,330	"	135.30	180,000
	1964	185	9.0	1,670	"	119.80	200,000
Total	1965	7,489					$7,280,000
	1964	8,628					9,700,000
OTHER FRUITS & NUTS							
Almonds	1965	1,577	.12	190	"	680.00	129,000
	1964	1,587	.18	287	"	680.00	195,200
Apples	1965	63	.71	45	"	162.20	7,300
	1964	63	1.5	94.5	"	115.30	10,900
Apricots	1965	8	.94	7.5	"	160.00	1,200
	1964	15	1.4	21.3	"	160.00	3,400
Avocados	1965	2,004	.65	1,300	"	500.00	650,000
	1964	2,024	.64	1,290	"	260.00	335,000
Cherries	1965	25	.68	16.9	"	380.00	6,400
	1964	26	1.25	32.5	"	340.00	11,000
Figs	1965	66	.38	25.2	"	520.00	13,100
	1964	66	.45	29.7	"	535.30	15,900
Grapes	1965	124	1.6	200	"	100.00	20,000
	1964	124	2.0	250	"	95.00	23,800
Olives	1965	568	.14	80	"	125.00	10,000
	1964	568	1.3	740	"	70.00	52,000
Peaches	1965	377	3.6	1,370	"	186.40	255,000
Freestone	1964	390	5.1	1,990	"	171.30	341,000
Pears	1965	285	10.0	2,838	"	198.00	562,000
Bartlett	1964	269	15.9	4,289	"	128.40	550,800
Walnuts	1965	882	.25	220	"	480.00	106,000
	1964	1,036	.19	200	"	500.00	100,000
Misc.Fruits & Nuts	1965	71					40,000
	1964	72					60,000
Total	1965	6,050					$1,800,000
	1964	6,240					1,699,000

FRUIT & NUT CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Bearing Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
BERRIES							
Strawberries	1965	500	14.4	7,200	Ton	432.00	$3,110,000
	1964	550	17.6	9,680	"	439.00	4,250,000
TOTAL FRUIT & NUT CROPS	1965	14,039					$12,190,000
	1964	15,418					15,649,000

FIELD CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1965

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Barley	1965	15,500	.80	12,400	Ton	51.00	$ 632,000
	1964	16,500	.79	13,100	"	48.60	637,000
Beans, dry edible							
Blackeye	1965	200	.58	116	"	200.00	23,200
	1964	220	.50	110	"	160.00	17,600
Garbanzo	1965	280	.41	115	"	270.00	31,000
	1964	0	-	-		-	-
Lima	1965	700	.65	455	"	260.00	118,500
	1964	230	.61	140	"	260.00	36,400
Cotton Lint	1965	33	842 lb.	58	Bale	.26 lb.	7,600
	1964	150	511 lb.	160	"	.365 lb.	29,200
Cotton Seed	1965			26	Ton	47.00	1,200
	1964			64	"	48.00	3,100
Hay, alfalfa	1965	40,600	7.0	284,000	"	27.40	7,782,000
	1964	41,600	6.9	287,000	"	27.25	7,820,000
Hay, grain	1965	8,300	1.98	16,400	"	29.50	484,000
	1964	9,900	1.71	17,000	"	31.50	535,000
Oats	1965	100	1.1	110	"	54.00	6,000
	1964	100	.80	80	"	50.00	4,000

FIELD CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Pasture & range							
Irrigated	1965	5,100				$155.00	$ 791,000
	1964	4,800				160.00	768,000
Other	1965	200,000					567,000*
	1964	200,000					555,000*
Silage							
Sorghum	1965	500	20	10,000	Ton	6.50	65,000
	1964	650	20	13,000	"	6.25	81,200
Sorghum grain	1965	120	1.7	200	"	47.50	9,500
	1964	440	2.1	920	"	50.00	46,000
Straw	1965			5,000	"	20.00	100,000
	1964			6,000	"	20.00	120,000
Sugar beets**	1965	1,470	31.4	46,000	"	13.00	598,000
	1964	2,660	18.0	47,900	"	12.40	595,000
Wheat	1965	6,200	.79	4,900	"	53.00	260,000
	1964	11,200	.46	5,200	"	53.45	278,000
Total	1965	279,103					$11,476,000
	1964	288,450					11,525,500

Acreage, production & value of Seed Crops							
Alfalfa	1965	1,150***	295	339,300	Lb.	.267	$ 90,600
	1964	1,050***	430	451,500	"	.25	114,000

*Amount shown for 1965 includes $275,000 paid for sheep and cattle grazing on alfalfa and barley stubble; 1964 amount includes $298,000 for such grazing.

**Does not include estimated $112,700 Sugar Act payments for 1965; or $109,000 for 1964.

***Included in harvested acreage shown for alfalfa hay.

VEGETABLE CROPS: ACREAGE, PRODUCTION & VALUE 1965

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Asparagus	1965	25	1.8	44	Ton	$300.00	$ 13,200
	1964	30	1.6	48	"	270.00	13,000
Beans, snap	1965	175	5.8	1,015	"	300.00	305,000
	1964	200	5.5	1,100	"	260.00	286,000
Beets, table	1965	150	11.7	1,755	"	80.00	140,000
	1964	260	11.5	2,990	"	71.00	212,000
Cabbage	1965	650	15.0	9,750	"	70.00	683,000
	1964	750	14.2	10,650	"	66.20	705,000
Carrots	1965	1,000	22.5	22,500	"	83.00	1,868,000
	1964	1,050	27.5	28,870	"	88.00	2,540,000
Cauliflower	1965	300	13.7	4,110	"	72.00	296,000
	1964	325	13.0	4,225	"	64.00	270,000
Celery	1965	220	35.0	7,700	"	100.00	770,000
	1964	340	36.0	12,240	"	98.00	1,200,000
Chinese Food Veg.	1965	120					1,450,000
	1964	150					1,395,000
Corn, sweet	1965	2,600	5.2	13,500	"	114.00	1,539,000
	1964	2,300	5.5	12,600	"	108.70	1,370,000
Cucumbers	1965	80	8.0	640	"	135.00	86,400
	1964	100	7.5	752	"	125.80	94,600
Lettuce, leaf	1965	550	15.0	8,250	"	90.00	743,000
	1964	650	13.5	8,775	"	86.65	760,000
Melons Cantaloupe	1965	160	10.0	1,600	"	70.00	112,000
	1964	150	10.5	1,575	"	67.90	107,000
Casaba & others	1965	-	-	-		-	-
	1964	30	9.7	290	"	40.00	11,600
Watermelon	1965	140	10.0	1,400	"	35.00	49,000
	1964	80	13.7	1,100	"	46.40	51,000
Mushrooms	1965			820	"	1,000.00	820,000
	1964			650	"	960.00	624,000
Mustard & other greens	1965	1,050	11.5	12,075	"	80.00	966,000
	1964	950	12.3	11,680	"	69.35	810,000

VEGETABLE CROPS (Cont.)

Crop	Year	Harvested Acreage	Production Per Acre	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Onions, dry	1965	560	22.3	12,488	Ton	$ 90.00	$1,124,000
	1964	390	22.7	8,850	"	76.00	673,000
Onions, green	1965	800	15.6	12,480	"	110.00	1,373,000
	1964	750	15.0	11,250	"	112.45	1,265,000
Peppers	1965	40	12.0	480	"	180.00	86,700
	1964	50	10.0	500	"	160.00	80,000
Pumpkins	1965	170	9.5	1,615	"	35.00	56,500
	1964	165	9.0	1,485	"	32.00	47,500
Radishes	1965	1,200	7.6	9,120	"	100.00	912,000
	1964	1,100	7.8	8,600	"	104.00	894,000
Rhubarb	1965	110	7.0	770	"	170.00	131,000
	1964	140	5.0	700	"	180.00	126,000
Romaine	1965	120	15.0	1,800	"	85.00	153,000
	1964	150	16.0	2,400	"	86.65	208,000
Spinach	1965	150	10.8	1,620	"	177.75	288,000
	1964	250	9.0	2,250	"	166.65	375,000
Squash							
Italian & summer	1965	250	6.0	1,500	"	160.00	240,000
	1964	270	5.5	1,480	"	152.00	225,000
Winter	1965	310	10.0	3,100	"	40.00	124,000
	1964	340	8.0	2,720	"	42.00	114,000
Tomatoes, market	1965	150	14.5	2,175	"	170.00	370,000
	1964	225	13.2	2,970	"	149.80	445,000
Turnips	1965	600	11.0	6,600	"	85.00	561,000
	1964	675	10.5	7,100	"	86.50	614,000
Misc. Vegetables	1965	700				950.00	665,000
	1964	600				1,000.00	600,000
Total	1965	12,380					$15,924,800
	1964	12,470					16,115,700

NURSERY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Area: House Acres	Production Area: Field Acres	Quantity Sold by Producers	Unit	Value: Per Unit	Value: Total
Nursery Crops							
Deciduous fruit & nut trees	1965		10	150,000	Plant	$ .85	$ 127,000
	1964		10	150,000	"	.80	120,000
Vegetable plants - greenhouse grown	1965	10		1,190,000	Flat	.80	952,000
	1964	10		1,300,000	"	.76	980,000
Ornamental trees & shrubs	1965		1,300				19,700,000
	1964		1,125				19,900,000
Bedding plants & ground cover	1965	40	70	1,465,000	Flat	2.30	3,370,000
	1964	40	60	1,392,000	"	2.30	3,200,000
Indoor decorative plants	1965	68					4,410,000
	1964	60					3,800,000
Cactus & succulents	1965		20				375,000
	1964		25				575,000
Bulbs, cuttings roots, dichondra etc.	1965		407				1,525,000
	1964		395				1,500,000
Total	1965	118	1,807				$30,459,000
	1964	110	1,615				30,075,000
Cut Flowers & Decoratives							
Carnations	1965	50		35,000,000	Bloom	.056	$ 1,960,000
	1964	50		40,250,000	"	.055	2,210,000
Chrysanthemums Standard & Disbuds	1965	30		4,350,000	"	.22	957,000
	1964	36		5,400,000	"	.25	1,350,000
Pompon	1965	30	120	360,000	Bundle	2.50	900,000
	1964	30	100	330,000	"	2.25	745,000
Gladiolus	1965		15	47,000	Doz.	1.50	70,000
	1964		15	48,000	"	1.40	67,000
Roses	1965	8		3,600,000	Bloom	.075	270,000
	1964	9		4,500,000	"	.07	298,000
Miscellaneous (Orchids, daisies, stocks & about 20 other varieties)	1965		312				2,125,000
	1964		330				2,226,000
Total	1965	118	447				$ 6,282,000
	1964	125	445				6,896,000

GRAND TOTAL ALL PLANT CROPS $76,422,400

APIARY PRODUCTS

Item	Year	Production Total	Unit	Value Per Unit	Value Total
Honey	1965	2,600,000	Lb.	$ .11	$ 286,000
	1964	1,890,000	"	.14	264,500
Beeswax	1965	43,500	"	.46	20,000
	1964	31,500	"	.46	14,500
Pollination	1965	7,500	Colony	4.75	35,600
	1964	6,000	"	4.50	27,000
Total	1965				$ 341,600
	1964				306,000
TOTAL PLANT CROPS AND APIARY PRODUCTS					$76,764,000

S U M M A R Y
1961-1965, Inclusive

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Citrus Fruits	$ 9,125,000	$ 9,550,000	$10,200,000	$ 9,700,000	$ 7,280,000
Other Fruits	1,756,600	1,893,500	2,123,600	1,699,000	1,800,000
Berries	3,625,000	3,720,000	4,450,000	4,250,000	3,110,000
Field Crops	7,901,100	11,050,800	14,209,500	11,639,500	11,566,600
Vegetables	13,581,200	14,163,800	15,317,200	16,115,700	15,924,800
Nursery Stock	30,515,000	31,120,000	30,160,000	30,075,000	30,459,000
Cut Flowers	6,800,000	7,112,000	6,915,000	6,896,000	6,282,000
Total Plant Crops*	$73,303,900	$78,610,100	$83,375,300	$80,375,200	$76,422,400
Apiary Products	181,200	633,500	337,200	306,000	341,600
Total Plant Crops & Apiary Products	$73,485,100	$79,243,600	$83,712,500	$80,681,200	$76,764,000

*U.S. Department of Agriculture Payments deleted from these totals in order to conform to statewide tabulation system for county crop reports.